

Amendments to the Specification

[0046] Referring to FIG. 6, in the overchannel configuration, an overchannel 40 is selected to alter the garment contacting surface of the frame 3. Preferably, the garment contacting surface area defined by the overchannel 40 is substantially larger than the garment contacting surface area defined by the frame 3. The increased garment contacting surface area can be defined by the cross section of the overchannel 40, as well as a longitudinal dimension of the overchannel with respect to the depending arms 6 of the frame 3. That is, the overchannel 40 can be sized to extend beyond the terminal end of the garment contacting arms 6 of the frame 3. As seen in FIG. 6, the overchannel extends beyond the terminal end of the garment contacting arms 6 of the frame 3 by approximately 40% and in FIG. 9 by approximately 36% of the length of the garment engaging arm. Thus, the overchannel 40 increases the effective size of the hanger, without requiring additional material in the underlying frame 3.